

HONORING THE PARENT PROJECT
AND RUDY AND MONA GOMEZ

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 1995

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Parent Project. The Parent Project is an organization managed by the parents of children who have Duchenne and Becker, a severe form of muscular dystrophy.

Duchenne is an incurable disease that causes the muscle cells to disintegrate. The disease affects only boys, afflicting about 1 in every 3,500—or more. Progressive muscle deterioration starts in the feet and slowly moves up the body, turning children into invalids, until the muscles in lungs and heart atrophy and die. Few boys with Duchenne have survived past their early twenties.

Because much about this disease is little known or understood, the Parent Project has assembled top medical researchers to advise them on what research and clinical trials offer the best hope for treating, and optimistically curing, Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophies. The Scientific Advisory Board [SAB] serves as a clearinghouse for coordinating and monitoring constantly evolving developments within the scientific community. Thanks to recommendations made by the SAB, the Parent Project is able to fund viable research immediately. And as parents know, time is critical to saving the lives of their children.

What makes the Parent Project unique, and important, is that it links parents, patients, family, and friends with scientists who are investigating a treatment—and hopefully a cure—for Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophies. It's a relationship that is critical to the success of obliterating this devastating disease.

The goal for the Parent Project is to raise \$40 million to find a cure by the year 2000. The Parent Project is run by parent volunteers who raise money in different ways, be it by raffles, walk-a-thons, bake sales, dinner parties, and silent auctions. This Saturday, July 29, 1995, at the Naval Reserve Center in Santa Barbara, Rudy and Mona Gomez will host a fundraiser for the Parent Project.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise in recognition of the Parent Project and Rudy and Mona Gomez for their perseverance in raising money to find the cure for this childhood robbing disease. I also ask that my colleagues join me in saluting these committed parents.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW JACKSON
TRANSUE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor and a privilege to rise before you today to pay tribute to the late Andrew Jackson Transue, a selfless servant to the people of Michigan and a personal friend of mine. Mr. Transue passed away on June 28, 1995, at the age of 92, but his long tenure of dedicated service will never be forgotten by the thousands of individuals whose lives he enriched.

Born and raised in Clarksville, MI, Mr. Transue graduated from Clarksville-Ionia County High School and received his Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law. Never satisfied by past accomplishments, Mr. Transue's life was characterized by a continuous, unquenchable effort to better the lives of America's working people. The vigor with which Mr. Andrew Jackson Transue fought for the American working family was every bit the equal of that of his namesake.

Transue began his long career of public service in 1933 when he was elected county prosecuting attorney, and he continued to represent the common man from 1937 to 1939 as a New Deal Democrat in the 75th Congress. Later, he would serve as President of the Flint Lions Club and as a devoted 55-year member of the Court Street United Methodist Church. What Transue was perhaps most proud of, however, was the case he argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1952. Not only did he win that case, but he also succeeded in redefining the legal principle of "criminal intent" and in setting a precedent that would subsequently be cited in over 500 judicial rulings.

In light of these accomplishments, it is often difficult, even for those of us who knew him personally, to keep in mind that Mr. Transue should not be remembered primarily for his legal and electoral successes. Rather, we must remember him for his genuine concern for his fellow man and for the endearing legacy of compassion he has left behind. Never consumed by self-focused ambition, Mr. Transue was first and foremost a man dedicated to his community and to his late wife Vivian, and his children, Tamara and Andrea. His integrity, his wisdom, but most of all his passion, will never be forgotten by the many souls graced with his humanity.

S.O.S.—SAVE OUR SANCTUARIES!

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of increasing funds for our national marine sanctuaries. The cuts in this bill will be especially harmful to the people in northern California. There are three national marine sanctuaries off the spectacular northern California coast—Cordell Banks; Gulf of the Farallones; and Monterey Bay.

These stunning and unique sanctuaries need protection, Mr. Speaker. We should make every effort to preserve our precious marine areas. It is time to honor the commitment made when the U.S. Congress established the sanctuary program.

If California's coast is to be utilized by future generations as it is today, it must have strong protection now. Adequately funding the National Marine Sanctuary Program will help provide that protection.

The National Marine Sanctuary Program, a program which has been historically underfunded, is authorized in fiscal year 1996 for \$20 million. This bill provides \$9 million—less than half the authorized level, and \$3 million less than last year.

It is time to take a stand for the preservation of our marine areas. It is time to take seriously our commitment to the National Marine Sanc-

tuary Program. It is time to fight for the future well-being of our coastal waters, our coastal economies, and the Nation as a whole.

Vote "yes" on the Farr amendment.

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH JUDE
ANTHONY

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OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I inform my colleagues of the tragic death of Deborah Jude Anthony. I first met Debby when she participated in my district's Congressional Award program. Having earned the Silver Medal in October 1993, Debby was working on attaining her Gold Medal. She was expected to receive it in 1996.

Though she had spina bifida and cerebral palsy, Debby achieved more than most. In addition to earning the Congressional Award, Debby earned an athletic letter in swimming from Charter Oak High School and was to receive, in September, the Gold Award given to only 15 of 20,000 Girl Scouts each year.

According to news reports, on Monday night while at home, a freak short circuit in her wheelchair sparked a fire that killed her before emergency personnel arrived.

In a December, 1993, letter to me, Debby's mother, Judith D. Anthony, wrote about Debby's participation in the Congressional Award:

As a mother of a physically disabled child, I watched Debby painfully struggling all these years—not to achieve—not even to keep up with her peers, but merely to survive. It has been a struggle against all odds. In a world where academic and physical achievements measure success, Debby did not have a chance. The Congressional Award, however, made success and achievement not only a possibility, but a reality for her. I truly believe this kind of award brings forth recognition of the true heroes of our youth, because it is based on personal development, service and physical challenge.

Mr. Speaker, Debby was and will continue to be an inspiration for me and a bright star in our community. Her presence will be sorely missed. I ask my colleagues to keep her family in their thoughts and to join me in saluting this outstanding and accomplished young American.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. MICHAEL JUDE
MCCUMBER, U.S. CAPITOL

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of our own who passed away on July 25, 1995. Sergeant McCumber served honorably with the U.S. Capitol Police from August 25, 1975, until his untimely death on July 25, 1995, at the age of 41.

Sergeant McCumber was born on November 15, 1953 and was a native of the Washington, DC area. He graduated from St. John's College High School in Northwest Washington, DC.